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THE UNION GAME

This morning the team left for Schenectady, intending to win from Union, if gritty playing will do it. Union has prepared defeat for us. They can't forget that game last year on the Campus. But the fine showing made by the Hamilton players this season leads us to expect victory from those who have never given us defeat.

Our line will be strengthened by the addition of Drummond, who has so far recovered from his injured shoulder as to be able to play. It is expected that aside from this change the line-up will be as usual. The men have been put thru some hard scrimmage and signal practice during the past week and are now in fine shape.

Now that we have a good team, we want good support. And this means that every man in College who can possibly arrange to do so, should go with the team. There will be no 12 o'clock recitations today, so that many who have no cuts can still see the game. If we have over a hundred a special rate of $2.24 round trip will be conceded by the railway officials. Surely, then, there can be little, if any, excuse for any man's not going. It will be a good game, worth seeing in itself, but which ought to be seen by every Hamilton man because of his connection with the College.

MEETING OF THE N. Y. S. I. A. U.

At the Annual Fall Meeting of the N. Y. S. I. A. U., held in Utica on Saturday, October 3d, Doctor Squires was elected treasurer of the organization for three years. Mr. King of Union, who is secretary, was appointed chairman of a committee to arange for an intercollegiate track meet, to be held in Utica next May.

ROCHESTER 5, HAMILTON 0

On Steuben Field Saturday, Rochester defeated the Varsity 5-0. The result was a distinct disappointment to Hamilton men. It was hard to see the team, which held Cornell and Syracuse so well, go down in defeat to Rochester. That the team was not up to its standard, was apparent.

The absence of Drummond was felt in the line. In the back field, lack of interference and costly fumbles were features. Wheeler, who substituted for Drummond, punted well. He held his own with the Rochester man on exchange of punts. The judgment of Hamilton's quarterbacks was faulty in tight places especially.

With the exception of the first three or four minutes, the ball was kept in Rochester's territory during the first half. Twice it seemed that Hamilton must score, but each time the opportunity was lost on account of a fumble. In the second half, Rochester had possession of the ball more than in the first, but with the exception of the few minutes preceding the touchdown, play was mostly in the center of the field or on Rochester's ground.

The game in detail—Capt. Thomas won the toss, and Rochester kicked to the 15-yard line. McGovern came back 10 yards. Ball went to Rochester on a fumble. Hamilton recovered the ball on downs on the 25-yard line, and Sidle gained 5 yards around left, and Wheeler punted 25 yards to Ramaker, but Hamilton regained the ball on a fumble. The forward pass was tried here and failed. Ball went to Rochester on their 20-yard line. Ramaker hit the line for 3 yards, but punted on the next play. Wheeler immediately punted to Rochester's 20-yard line. Rochester made several gains, but lost the ball on a forward pass, Sidle covering the ball. Marriott gained 5 yards around end, and McGovern clipped off 8 more. Rochester was penalized 5 yards for offside play. Hamilton gained 7 yards thru the line. Wheeler tried an on-side kick, the ball going to Rochester on their 15-yard line. Pray punted to McGovern, who fumbled. Wheeler punted back to Joy, who was downed in his tracks on the 15-yard line. Rochester was penalized for tripping. Hamilton had the ball on the 5-yard line, but lost it on a fumble. Pray punted out to Sidle on the 35-yard line. Sidle came back 10 yards, and gained 3 more thru the line. Glover attempted a field goal, but failed. Ramaker came back 25 yards on a pretty run. McGovern dropped him with a clean tackle. Pray punted 30 yards to McGovern. Marriott was thrown for a loss. Ball was fumbled on next play, Getman recovering it. Wheeler punted to Jay on Rochester's 40-yard line. Rochester received 15 yards penalty for tripping. Glover again tried for a field goal, but failed, the ball falling a little short. Pray punted out 30 yards to McGovern, who brought it back for 10. Sidle was thrown for loss, Wheeler punted to Joy on Rochester's 10-yard line. G. Ramaker made 10 yards around end. Pray added 5 thru the line. A series of line bucks and end runs advanced the play 20 yards. Here Marriott secured the ball on a forward pass. Getman plunged thru the center for 4 yards. Ramaker covered Marriott's on-side kick. The whistle blew for time, ball on Rochester's 40-yard line. Score—Rochester 0, Hamilton 0.

In the second half, Harper replaced McGovern at quarter. Welch took Marriott's place at left half and Bell went in at right half in place of Sidle.

Wheeler kicked off to Ramaker on 5-yard line. Ramaker came back 15 yards. On next play, Rochester was thrown for a loss. Ramaker gained 15 yards around end, Malen added 15 more. Rochester penalized for offside play. Pray punted to the center of the field. Welch returned 5 yards. Bell made 5 on a line plunge, and Getman added 5 more. Harper was dropped for a 5-yards loss. Roenke gained 20 yards on forward pass from Leavenworth. Harper got away, but with almost a clean field before him, tripped and fell, making no gain. Leavenworth gained 10 yards on forward pass. Hamilton was penalized 5 yards for offside work. Welch and Harper advanced the ball to Rochester's 10-yard line. A line plunge resulted in 3 yards more. Again Hamilton threw away an opportunity to score by fumbling. Pray punted to center of the field. Harper returned 15 yards. Hamilton was penalized 15 yards, on failure of the forward pass. The play was repeated and again failed. Welch gained 5 yards around end. Wheeler punted to Joy on 40-yard line. Ramaker made 10 yards, and the next two plays Rochester netted 12 more. Malen, on a double pass, ran 30 yards to Hamilton's 3-yard line. The next play yielded no gain, the second a very little, but on the third, the ball was pushed over for a touchdown. Rochester failed to kick the goal. Score, Rochester 5, Hamilton 0.

Wheeler kicked to Joy. A delayed pass made 15 yards for Rochester. Hamilton held for downs. Glover made 5 yards thru the line. Wheeler kicked to Joy in center of the gridiron. Rochester punted back to Harper, who returned 15 yards. Hamilton was penalized 15 yards on the forward pass. Harper made a fine gain of 20 yards around end. Rochester was sent back 15 yards on forward pass penalty. Joy punted to Welch on the 40-yard line. Harper started on quarterback run but fell. Wheeler punted 30 yards to Pray. Rochester's onside kick was blocked. Time called. Ball in Hamilton's possession in Rochester's territory. The line-up:

Rochester 5.		Hamilton 0.
	Right End	
Malen		Leavenworth
	Right Tackle	
Maecherlein		Glover
	Right Guard	
Goodsell		Wisehart
	Center	
Hunt		Thomas (Capt.)
	Left Guard	
Ward		Wheeler
	Left Tackle	
Koegler		Baldwin
	Left End	
Saulsman		Roenke
	Quarter Back	
Joy (Capt.)		McGovern (Harper)
	Right Half Back	
Ramaker		Sidle (Bell)
	Left Half Back	
Pray		Marriott (Welch)
	Full Back	
Fowle		Getman

Referee Mr. Wright, Williams '00.

Umpire—Mr. Risley, Colgate '99.

Head Linesman, Sherman, Hamilton '05.

Time of halves—25 and 30.

FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Harrison C. Thomas, 1909, center and captain. Age 19, Height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 152. Guard in last year's Varsity. Prepared at Utica Free Academy.

Harold P. Osborne, 1909, left tackle. Age 21, height 5 ft. 11in., weight 165. Varsity tackle last season. Prepared at New Hartford High School.

Philip H. Welch, 1909, right half back. Age 22. Height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 145 pounds. Varsity half back last year. Prepared at Boy's High School, Brooklyn, and Stone School, Cornwall.

William Arthur Marriott, 1909, half back. Age 21, height 5 ft. 10 in., weight 150 pounds. Prepared at Clayville High School.

Henry Merrill Roenke, 1909, left end. Age 21, height 5 ft. 10½ in., weight 141 pounds. Sub end last year. Prepared at Geneva High School.

Edmund P. Glover, 1910, left guard. Age 19, height 5 ft. 6 in., weight 168 pounds. Played guard on last year's Varsity. Prepared at Gunnery School and Stone School, Cornwall.

Loyal E. Leavenworth, 1910, right end. Age 19, height 5 ft. 9 in., weight 153 pounds. Varsity end last year. Prepared at Cleveland High School.

Francis Harper, 1910, quarter back. Age 18, height 5 ft. 9 in., weight 154 pounds. Played sub end last year. Prepared at Clinton Preparatory School.

John B. Wheeler, 1910, sub center. Age 19, height, 5 ft. 11 in., weight 156 pounds. Sub center last year. Prepared at Clinton Preparatory School.

John Baldwin, left tackle. Age 21, height 6 ft., weight 157 pounds. Prepared at Poly Prep. Played tackle.

Don Rex Sidle, 1911, left half-back. Age 20, height 5 ft. 8½ in., weight 152 pounds. Prepared at Peekskill Military Academy.

Robert B. Mitchell, 1911, sub full-back. Age 20, height 5 ft. 11 in., weight 152 pounds. Sub tackle last year. Prepared at Auburn High School.

Albert Getman, 1911, full back. Age 20, height 5 ft. 11 in., weight 153 pounds. Sub full-back last year. Prepared at Oneonta High School.

Karl Wisehart, 1911, right guard. Age 19, height 6 ft., weight 175 pounds. Sub tackle last year. Prepared at Dickinson Seminary.

Emery H. Jones, 1911, sub half back. Age 19, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 157 pounds. Sub half last year. Prepared at Governeur High School.

Robert W. Drummond, 1912, left tackle. Age 19, height 6 ft., weight 178½ pounds. Prepared at Auburn High School.

George Allen Bell, 1912, half back. Age 20, height 5 ft. 8 in., weight 145 pounds. Prepared at Holbrook's Military Academy.

Clinton McGovern, 1912, sub quarter. Age 20, weight 5 ft. 7 in., weight 128 pounds. Prepared at Lowville Academy.

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THOSE OF US WHO WERE in College last year remember the Union game with pride. Union came up a hundred strong, determined to humble us. Their singing and yelling was fine; but ours was better. Now we play Union today at Schenectady. A large delegation, to cheer and encourage the team, is absolutely necessary. To this end every man in College should consider it a duty to attend the game. Special rates have been secured and entertainment will not be lacking for those who attend. The game will inevitably be a close, hard contest. Spirited Hamilton cheering will go a long way toward deciding the game. Our College reputation for spirit is practically at stake. If we don't send over a hundred men to Schenectady today, let us hear no more boasts about this Hamilton Spirit." If we can't turn out a delegation of that size, our spirit is only a ghost, which has been haunting the Hill for years past. Let us show Union by our attendance at the game today, the pride we have in that "Little Blue Team."

IT HAS BEEN RUMORED about College that the Basketball Management does not intend to secure a coach for the coming season. We regret to hear this fact. Never has there been a time in the history of Basketball in Hamilton when there was such good material, and such promise of a winning team as now. The Varsity, with the exception of Capt. Smith, is intact. The team was fast last year, and with good coaching could play a game that would win, and bring honor to the old Hill. Of course, it is possible that this could be done without a coach, but in the opinion of LIFE very improbable. The men in College pay their subscriptions to support the Management and pay them willingly. But in justice to them, a coach ought to be secured. A team without a reliable coach is like a class without an instructor. In the latter case it is obvious that little or more likely nothing could be accomplished. Does it not stand to reason that the same thing will happen in the case of a basketball team. LIFE hopes that the Basketball Management will see the folly of trying to develop a good winning team without a responsible coach, and change its decision. If this is done, Hamilton can expect a team to represent the Buff and Blue that will not only win, but be a pride to all who love this old Hill.

THE RESULT OF THE Rochester game last Saturday was a bitter disappointment to the College. Strong confidence in the team, justified by its remarkable showing against Syracuse, and repeated a week later in Ithaca, led the student body to expect an overwhelming victory.

Of course, the Varsity line-up had undergone a slight change. Drummond was out of the game and Glover was playing a new positon. This, however, is not offered by way of excuse.

Hamilton gained twice as much ground as Rochester, and twice had the ball within their ten-yard line. At critical times, however, fumbles, serious errors of judgment and slow team work prevented a score. Rochester, on the other hand, played a hard game and won an uphill victory, deserving of much credit.- They were enthusiastically supported by a crowd of Rochester students, who cheered their team in almost Hamilton style, in fact seemed to have imbued some of the spirit of this old Hill.

Yes, it was a disappointment, but let us hope that it will also be a lesson. We must atone for it today.

To the Editor of LIFE:

Having witnessed the misfortunes of the Football team on Saturday last, the writer cannot forbear to submit a word of comment in the interest of the future. He believes, notwithstanding many opinions to the contrary, that the Hamilton Eleven is several points better than the aggregation which defeated it by one fatal touchdown in the second half. With the regular line-up, and Drummond in the game, the writer is confident that the spectators would have seen a victory instead of a defeat for Hamilton. But Drummond was not there, and the line, shifted and demoralized, allowed opposing ends and tackles to sift thru repeatedly and spoil the open plays for a loss. The quarters, both nervy little players of much individual ability, appeared incapable to suit the situation with the play. Hamilton has presumably heard a great deal in the past week about the errors in judgment which called upon a tottering man to buck the line for a touchdown, with two fresh half-backs at the quarter's disposal, and which signalled for a second forward pass from behind a disorganized line after the first attempt had resulted in failure. Doubtless there has also been some acrid reflection upon the headwork of the end who "drew in" twice on that old, old, "delayed-pass-end - around" scheme, after having been repeatedly coached against this particular mistake, and having heard other ends scorched to a crisp for the same fatal error. The

third time, of course, he stopped the play at the line—as, let us hope he may always do in the future.

To make a long story short, there has got to be a thoro vitalizing shake-up in the spirit of the squad, if Hamilton's remaining games are to be won. The coach is perhaps the best we have had in several seasons—which is saying a great deal. The "burden of proof" is with the men. The writer has not intention of making scapegoats of the players he has referred to—they are all sterling material, and their errors were but the noticeable spots in a general catalog of blunders. And incidentally, the way to hit the line is *to hit the line*—run hard, fight every instant—and that's the sort of play that wins games, and the only sort. With every hope and wish for the future—Colgate in particular—

From a Graduate of the Varsity.

ROOT-GILBERT NUPTIALS

Last Saturday in the College chapel occurred the wedding of Miss Laura Root and Stanley Gilbert, '07. The decorations were of the simplest sort, but in this simplicity was their beauty.

The ceremony, which was performed by Dr. Stryker, took place at two o'clock. C. B. Thompson, '12, officiated at the organ. The bride was escorted by her brother, Edward B. Root of New York. The groom and his best man, Harry Barrows, '06, met the party at the altar. The bride was unattended. The ushers were Edward Wales Root, '05, Floyd McLean, '08, Mossman McLean, '09, and Leslie Sarles, '10

Stanley Gilbert, a member of the class of 1907, and of the Chi Psi Fraternity, is now connected with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of New York City, where he has been making rapid advances. Miss Laura Root is a daughter of 'Old Square" of immortal memory, and needs no other proof of her sterling character..

About 250 guests were present, among whom were Secretary of State and Mrs. Root, Hon. James S. and Mrs. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Root, Jr., of New York, Mrs. Walstein Root, of Pasadena, Cal., Miss Ruth Nutting, of New York, Miss Louise Long of Corning, Miss Dorothy Camp of Watertown, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pratt and Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, of Frankfort, and Miss Greenwood of Syracuse.

D. T. TAP DAY.

The opening of College this fall found the ranks of the D. T. Club broken. Four men were lacking to complete the Dreizlen. Daly, Gardiner and Richardson did not return to College, and Nixon was abroad at initiation time last June.

At a meeting of the Club held last week, in which the situation was discussed, it was decided to take in three men, who, together with Nixon, would make the desired number. Armistead, Burdick and Gouge were the men selected, received their corks and were duly "congratulated" between the halves of the Rochester game last Saturday.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

The regular 5 o'clock meeting in Silliman Hall, will be given over to the reports of our delegates to the last Northfield Student Conference. Our delegation to the next Conference must be doubled, so begin to lay your plans accordingly. Hamilton should send a delegation that is truly representative.

The Freshmen will meet for Bible Study at 3:00, as on last Sunday. The class on "Comparative Religions" will also meet at that time, and their program may be found posted in Silliman Hall and in Chapel.

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HILL NOTES

—Prof. Lewis spent Sunday with his family in Brooklyn.

—Aron, ex-'09, is improving from his critical illness.

—Gardiner, ex-'11, has entered the Albany Medical School.

—A new backstop for Basketball has been installed in the Gym.

—Next Wednesday the Geology Class will take a trip to Oriskany Falls.

—A definite system of rehearsals has been arranged by the Dramatic Club.

—The Bowling Alleys were opened after the College Dinner last Friday evening.

—Marriott and Roenke, '09, have been added to the training table during this past week.

—Anibal, Burdick, and Nixon, '11, are out for the Assistant Managership of the Musical Clubs.

—The marriage of Nellis, '06, and Miss Mary Wylma Griffith, of Schenectady, took place recently.

—The Freshman LIFE competition at present stands: Drummond, Hopkins, Bagg, Bates, Marsh, Connell.

—"Uncle John" has nearly completed his physical examination of the Freshmen. The class average, so far, is high.

—"Hap" Osborn, '09, Jones, '11, and Drummond, '12, are back in the squad again after enforced absence on account of injuries.

—The Quartet practiced for the first time last Thursday afternoon.

—Watkins, '12, has been added to the Football squad.

—Saturday Noon Chapel and Freshman Composition were held yesterday afternoon, to accommodate those who wish to attend the Union game.

—Freshman Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening, was well attended. Cards giving the topics and leaders have been printed and will soon be distributed.

—The German Club will meet on Thursday evenings of alternate weeks, and the French Club will meet Friday evenings, alternating with the German Club.

—Dr. Ibbotson invited all the Seniors who are interested in forming a club to discuss theological problems to come to his home at 8 o'clock on Friday evening.

—It is of especial interest to Hamilton men to note that a Hamilton graduate is the hero of Mr. Scollard's new novel, "A Knight of the Highway." The books are on sale by Parry, '11.

—The date of issue of the Literary Magazine has been changed this year to the 15th of the month to avoid holidays and exams. The Magazine has appeared promptly on its date.

—Until further notice, Mandolin Club rehearsals will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4:45 p. m. The system of fines for absence and tardiness will be enforced.

—A number of Hamilton men attended the Republican meeting in Utica on Wednesday evening, at which Governor Hughes and Prof. Davenport were the principal speakers. An immense crowd was present to welcome the candidates.

—In response to the call for a larger "scrub" to line up against the Varsity, about twenty new candidates have put in their appearance. This has enabled the coach to have more scrimmages, and has been a decided advantage to the team.

SOPHOMORE HOP

In last week's issue of LIFE, a very clear and lucid statement of the viewpoint of the Sophomore Hop Committee was given. That the Committee may know just how the College stands upon this matter, let every man who sees even a remote possibility of his attending the dance, hand his name to some member of the Committee. It is absolutely essential that, before any decisive steps are taken, the Committee know definitely how large an attendance they may count upon. There is but a month before the time, when the dance may be held. If sufficient interest is shown by the College, it will be held in Utica. If the Hop is a College dance the College ought to support it. If it isn't wanted, then let's not try to have any. It will be easier—and cheaper.

"A KNIGHT OF THE HIGHWAY"

Clinton Scollard has recently had issued, from the press of George William Browning, a new novel titled 'A Knight of the Highway.' The book is in attractive form—legible yet pocketable. It sells at $1, copies being procurable at Browning's shop on College Street.

The story is most patently Hamiltonian. The disguises in its geography are easily transparent to anyone who has ever been in Oneida County. The hero is a tramp at the opening of the story. The curtain rises to show him in all his hairiness alighting from his private box-car at Illica (Utica). His stroll thru Stagg's Square, his glass of beer at the Keneseo Thirst Parlor, tell us his misfortune. After some adventures in the Mohondaga (Mohawk) River and the Ontario (Erie) Canal, he drives ten miles to bustling Hintonville (Clinton, of course). In the hop-fields of the neighboring country he meets more adventures and his feminine fate. A slight misunderstanding prevents his reformation for a time, but by a clever psychological situation a reaction is worked that thoroly transforms him. No more the 'Knight of the Highway,' he takes up journalistic life in New York. Finally, two years afterward, he returns to the June Commencement. The details, the descriptions are absolutely conclusive as to the actual scene. The Fraternity touch, the Gym., the Senior Ball, the bench out on the Campus, are realistic to detail. The girl, the moonlight sifting thru the poplars, may be things beyond our experience, but otherwise the brush works true in every tint.

As to the artistic merits of the novel, we fear dogmatism, so will refer the question to the reader. As to the local color, we recommend it to anyone who finds pleasure in things Hamiltonian.

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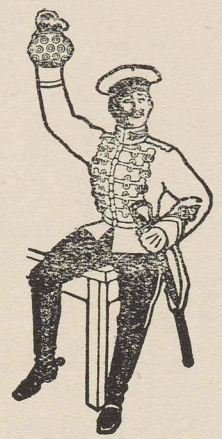

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